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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 17, 2016

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents

Public School Academy Directors

FROM: Kyle L. Guerrant, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: Public Comment on the State Board of Education Draft Statement and

Guidance on Safe and Supportive Learning Environments for Lesbian,

Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning (LGBTQ) Students

The Michigan Department of Education requests public comment on the draft Statement and Guidance on Safe and Supportive Learning Environments for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning (LGBTQ) Students which will be presented to the State Board of Education (SBE) at the May 10, 2016, SBE meeting.

A full copy of the draft document is available at StatementandGuidanceforLGBTQStudents.

The MDE started receiving written comments on March 14, 2016 and will continue to accept through April 11, 2016. All written comments will be reviewed and considered in the final version of the document.

Input may be submitted online at the public comment site <u>everyvoicecountsmi.org</u>, by facsimile to 517-373-1233, or by surface mail to:

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cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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